




The Penguin







Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2012 with funding from
LYRASIS Members and Sloan Foundation

<http://archive.org/details/penguin56stat>

the

RENGUIN

1955 ~ 1956





The Senior Class of 1956 proudly dedicates *The Penguin* to Dr. Harry L. Crowley, our Class Advisor. September 9, 1952 was the first day of school at North Adams both for us as the new freshman class and for Dr. Crowley as a new faculty member. We remained together and worked together for the ensuing three and one-half years.

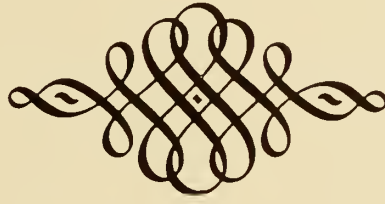
Dr. Crowley left our teaching staff in February, 1956. We regret that he could not see his class through the second semester of their senior year, but we take this opportunity to thank him for serving our needs faithfully and well.

May God bless his future and ours!

Dedication

In appreciation to Mr. Edmund K. Luddy, who so willingly and competently came to our aid to lead us through this difficult second semester as our faculty advisor, we express our sincere thanks.





Ivy, dancing in the Spring-time of our lives . . .
Beckoning young carefree hearts with slender fingers
 slender fingers,
Oft have you watched, quiet eyes behind
A glimmering surface, shimmering surface,
The sunlit years. We paraded before you
Childlike;
Rainwashed and sunbathed you
Nodded gently to our eager laughter.
We leave the safety of your dancing shadows,
See the tears behind the glimmering surface
 shimmering surface,
Reach to brush away each one. Praise to thee
Green Ivy who pointed the path of
Truths to young hearts, now fuller hearts—
Hearts which leave your shadows to guide
The coming Spring-time of other lives.





"If ever I am a teacher
it will be to learn more than to teach."



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Education

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AT NORTH ADAMS



TO THE CLASS OF 1956:

Yours is, to all indications, the last small class the College will graduate. Along with nearly every other college in the land, North Adams seems to be headed for a greatly increased enrollment. I welcome this, of course, yet there is something special about a small college class. Somehow the feelings attached to the doings of the "few" linger in one's memory. The few have done so much and have done it so well. They have met and conquered obstacles that would not be considered obstacles at all by the many. You should be proud of this one accomplishment in itself.

You are entering the teaching profession at a time of great national need. Good teachers are, and will be, for some years at a premium. It is in your power to keep the profession great, and at the same time, to meet the educational needs of a vastly increased school population. Again you are the "few," but your success here augurs well for your future work.

May God bless you for it!

Sincerely,
Eugene L. Freeland
President



Training School Faculty

Harold McLean, Junior High; Margaret Stevenson, Grade 2; Claire M. Barry, Junior High; J. Stanley Sullivan, Junior High; Helen E. Brown, Grade 4; Viola Cooper, Assistant Principal, Grade 5; John A. Durnin, Principal; Loretta J. Loftus, Grade 3; Helen E. Mallery, Grade 1; Mary Walsh, Grade 6.



Office Staff

Edward E. MacFarland, Principal Clerk; Florence R. Tiedemann, Senior Bookkeeper; Bertha L. Allyn, Senior Clerk.



Wallace H. Venable, Science, Education; Dr. John H. Semon, Science; Ames S. Pierce, Social Studies; Nila R. Haresign, Acting Dean of Women, Physical Education, Education; Martha E. Durnin, Education, Guidance; Lillian E. Boyden, Music, Education; Margaret M. Lanoue, Librarian.

College Faculty

Edmund K. Luddy, Social Studies, Classics; Andrew S. Flagg, Dean of Men, Art, Education; Dr. Harry G. Schrickel, Philosophy, Psychology, Education; Dr. Dayton N. Dennett, English, Classics, Speech; Mary Underhill, English, Classics; Dr. Hazel B. Mileham, Director of Training, Education.



SENIORS





ALLAN BOOTH

Good humor is goodness and wisdom combined.

Drama Club 2; Men's Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1.

CAROL CIMONETTI

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Class Treasurer 3, 4; Newman Club 1, 2, 3, 4; *Taconic Columns* 3; Commuters' Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Current Events Club 2; Music Club 1, *Mikado* 1; Science Club 2; Women's Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4; May Queen's Court 2; Winter Carnival Queen's Court 3; Yearbook Staff 4.





WILLIAM COUGHLIN

Fearless minds climb soonest unto crowns.

Newman Club 3; *Taconic Columns*, Co-Editor 3; Current Events Club 3; Science Club 3; Interclass Basketball 1, 2; Interclass Baseball 1, 2; Yearbook Staff 3.



JOANNE DEMADONNA

Modesty is the citadel of beauty and virtue.

Class Treasurer 1, Vice President 4; Newman Club 1, 2, 4; *Taconic Columns* 3; Drama Club 1, *The Velvet Glove* 1; Current Events Club 1, 2; Commuters' Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Club 1, *Mikado* 1; Science Club 2; Women's Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4; Winter Carnival Queen 1; Yearbook Staff 4.



PATRICIA MURLEY GAMLIN

Common sense is instinct, and enough of it is genius.

Student Council 4, Vice President 3; Class Secretary 1, 2, President 3; Dormitory Secretary 2, Vice President 3, President 4; Newman Club 1, 2, 3, Vice President 4; Drama Club 2, 3, 4, Assistant Director *The Ghost Train* 3; Glee Club 1, *Mikado* 1; Current Events Club 1, Secretary-Treasurer 2, Vice President 3; *Taconic Columns* 3; Women's Athletic Association 4, Class Representative 1, 3, Secretary-Treasurer 2; N.E.P.T.A. Conference Delegate 3; Cheerleader 1, 2, Captain 3, 4; Who's Who in American Colleges 4; Yearbook Photography Editor 4.

RUTH KEYES

Much wisdom often goes with fewest words.

Dormitory Representative 1, 3, Treasurer 3; Assistant Librarian 1, 2, 3, 4.





JOAN KUNSTLER

Personality is to man what perfume is to flower.

Class Vice President 3; Dormitory Treasurer 2; Frank Fuller Murdock Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Christian Association 1, 2, Vice President 3; *Taconic Columns* 3; Music Club 1, Vice President 2, *Mikado* 1; Women's Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4, Head of Sports 3; Winter Carnival Queen's Court 3; Yearbook Editor-in-Chief 4; Ivy Poem; Ivy Oration.

FRANCES LAPLANTE

The world is always ready to receive talent with open arms.

Student Council Secretary 4; Dormitory Council 4; Frank Fuller Murdock Honor Society 2, 3, Vice President 4; Christian Association 1, 4; Commuters' Club 1, 2, Vice President 3; Women's Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4; Conference Delegate 3; Music Club 1, *Mikado* 1; *Taconic Columns* 3; N.E.P.T.A. Conference Delegate 4; Co-Chairman College Union Committee 4; Who's Who in American Colleges 4; Yearbook Literary Editor 4.





JOYCE LATAIF

Intellect, the starlight of the brain.

Class Secretary 4; Frank Fuller Murdock Honor Society 2, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 3; Music Club 1, 2, *Mikado* 1; Drama Club 1; Newman Club 1, 2; Commuters' Club 1, 2, 3, 4; *Taconic Columns* 3, 4; Women's Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4.

EDWARD PIERSON, JR.

Propriety of manners and consideration for others are the two main characteristics of a gentleman.

Student Council Assistant Treasurer 3; Class Vice President 2; Men's Athletic Association 1, 3, 4, Vice President 2; Music Club 1, 3, *Mikado* 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, Captain 4; Bookstore Manager 4.





THOMAS QUADROZZI

Reason and judgment are the qualities of a leader.

Student Council 2, President 4; Class President 2; Frank Fuller Murdock Honor Society 2, 3, President 4; *Taconic Columns*, Editor 3; Men's Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 3, 4; Music Club 1, 2, *Mikado* 1; Who's Who in American Colleges 4; Massachusetts State Teachers College Conference Delegate 3, 4.

DOROTHY FILTER ROWE

Modest expression is a beautiful setting to the diamond of talent and genius.

Antioch College 1, 2; Frank Fuller Murdock Honor Society 3, 4; Music Club 3; Commuters' Club 3, 4; Yearbook, Assistant Editor 4.





WILFRED SAULNIER

Few things are impossible to diligence and skill.

Student Council 4; Class President 4; Current Events Club 1, 2; Science Club 2; Music Club 1, *Mikado* 1; Men's Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Basketball 1.

CHARLES BORDEAU

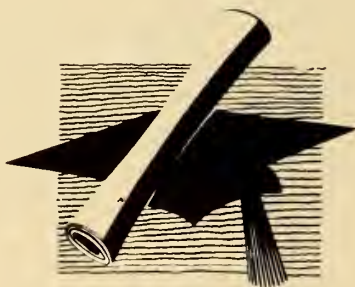
Nothing common can seem worthy of you.

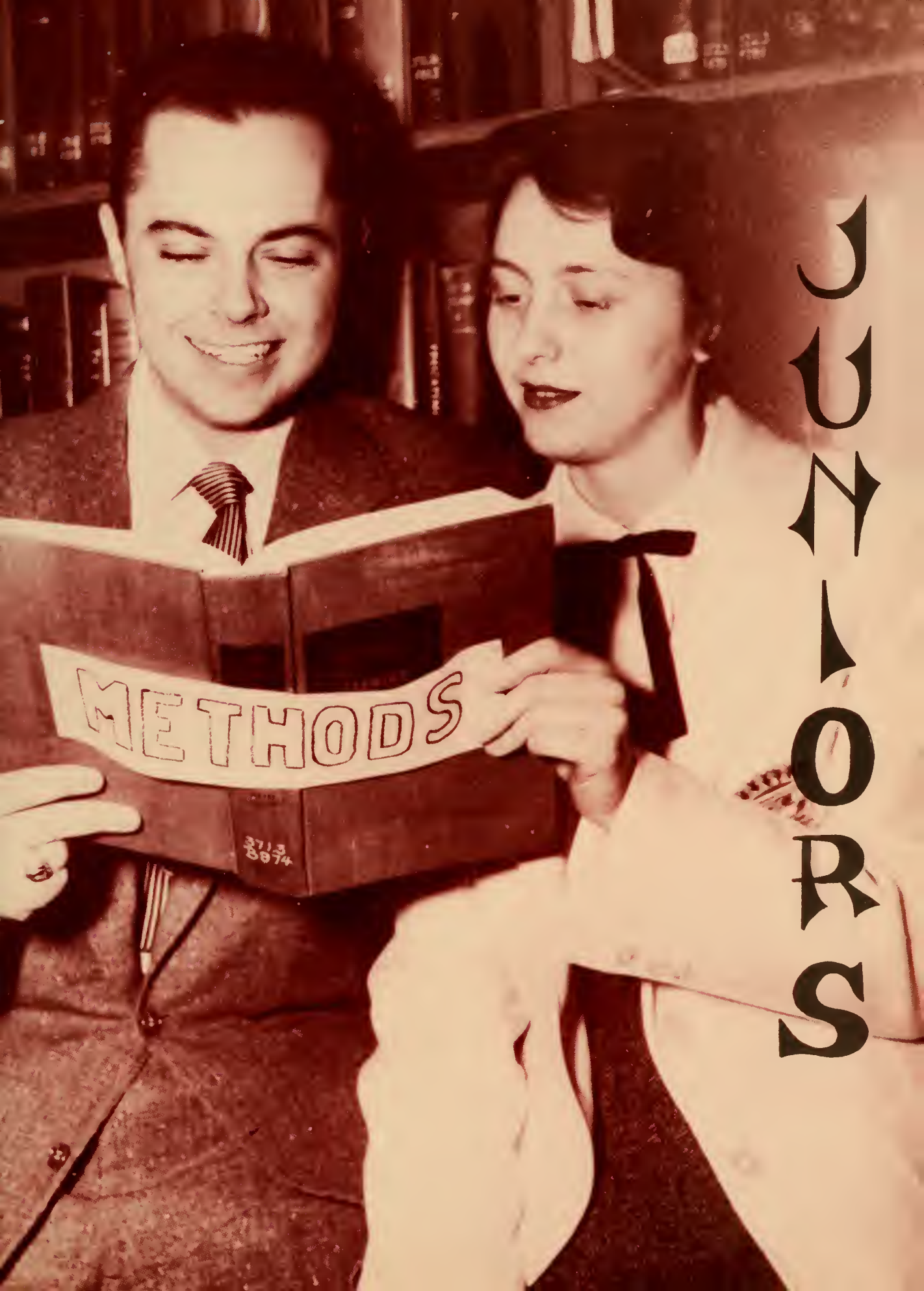
Frank Fuller Murdock Honor Society 4.



Seniors

Booth, Allen William, Jr.	Burgess St., Sagamore
Bordeau, Charles Rane	17 Root Place, Pittsfield
Cimonetti, Carol Jane	Luce Rd., Williamstown
Coughlin, William Cassidy	114 Corinth St., North Adams
DeMadonna, Joanne Esther	188 East Main St., North Adams
Gamlin, Patricia Ann Murley, Mrs.	13 Cypress St., Greenfield
Keyes, Ruth Lillian	Leyden Rd., Greenfield
Kunstler, Joan Marie	17 Leniston St., Roslindale
La Plante, Frances Addie	South Vernon, Vt.
Lataif, Joyce Marie	99 Gallup St., North Adams
Pierson, Edward Franklin, Jr.	39 Maple St., Williamstown
Quadrozzi, Thomas F.	42 Longview Terrace, Pittsfield
Rowe, Dorothy Filter, Mrs.	115 Pine Grove Dr., Pittsfield
Saulnier, Wilfred George	180 E. Quincy St., North Adams





JUN IORS



Junior Class

The Junior Class! At first it's a jolt, leaving the safety of the college to go out into the world of Observing and Doing down at Mark's . . . but we get used to anything, and pretty soon we even kind of like it. It's pretty obvious by now that we're in school to learn to be teachers. We'd almost forgotten that the first two years. Slowly we're learning . . . that there's a Method in our Madness! Good old Burton!

Juniors

Allen, Sylvia—8 West Street	Greenfield
Bartini, Arnold G.—1 Simon Ave.	Adams
Bernard, Thomas—61 Church Street	North Adams
Cariddi, Frances—74 West Main Street	North Adams
Daikos, Dorothy—45 Templeton Street	Dorchester
Desnoyers, Kathleen—18 Tremont Street	North Adams
Doyle, John T.—955 Massachusetts Ave.	North Adams
England, Barbara R. (Mrs.)—378 Williams St.	Pittsfield
Forbes, Marlene—32 Worthington Street	Pittsfield
Hall, Thomas F.—70 Francis Avenue	Pittsfield
Hendrickson, Henry P.—744 West Housatonic St.	Pittsfield
Lobdell, Brian D.—Berkshire Farm	Canaan, N.Y.
Meacham, Robert—R.F.D. No. 2	Florida
Miller, George F., Jr.,—18 Highland Avenue	Adams
Molloy, Alice C.—16 Quincy Street	North Adams
Morelli, Donald—282 Francis Avenue	Pittsfield
Morin, Marjorie—191 Prospect Street	North Adams
Murphy, Carol Ann—26 Hall Street	North Adams
Neil, Elizabeth—Main Street	Sagamore
O'Leary, Mary K.—Taylor Street	Hinsdale
Pilkington, Paula Louise—Bray Road	Shelburne Falls
Richard, Carol J.—45 South Street	Williamstown
Richards, Mary—48 Natural Bridge Road	North Adams
Rivers, James—36 Pine Street	Dalton
Rock, Donald F.—River Street	North Adams
Ryan, John D.—49 Hall Street	North Adams
Scarbeau, Barbara—47 Washington Avenue	North Adams
Smith, Delight—478 Church Street	North Adams
Starsiak, Kenneth—3 Sears Street	Adams
Welter, Eugene F.—288 Elm Street	Pittsfield
Wheeler, Janet R.—338 State Road	North Adams
Whitman, Viola M.—1238 Massachusetts Ave.	North Adams
Windrow, Richard A.—95 Brooklyn Street	North Adams









Sophomore Class

Full of life and energy . . . led to many victories by president John Murphy . . . Sophomore Prom—"Moonlight and Roses" theme at Greylock gym, huge success . . . Winter Carnival snow sculpture winners with "Minnie the Mermaid" . . . Stunt Night Champions—"Snowdrop and the Seven Drips" . . . birthday parties in the Union . . . pajama party in the dorm . . . soon to be juniors.

Sophomores

Albert, Burton, Jr.—South Main Street	Lanesborough
Alsing, Nancy C.—68 Munson Road	Wilbraham
Blanchette, Donald C.—7 Gavin Avenue	Adams
Bourrie, George H.—41 Holbrook Street	North Adams
Canedy, Rodman E.—1015 State Road	North Adams
Chretien, Charles P.—19 Lake Street	Pittsfield
Cicchetti, Peter G.—376 Columbia Street	Adams
Collins, Phillip G.—Commonwealth Avenue	Hinsdale
Cyr, Lawrence H.—483 Pecks Road	Pittsfield
Dracup, Judith E.—27 Kemp Avenue	North Adams
Duprat, Shirley—Route No. 19	North Adams
Duquette, Denis J.—18 Main Street	Dalton
Gehring, Walter R.—Lenox Road	Pittsfield
Goldman, Leonard—63 Blakinton Street	North Adams
Haddad, Annette M.—232 Springside Avenue	Pittsfield
Hogan, Viola F.—Knox Road	Pittsfield
Jespersion, Elna—Box 25	Mill River
Kalisz, Henry J.—16 Siara Street	Adams
Kronick, Audrey L.—203 Houghton Street	North Adams
Kuehner, Richard R.—299 Elm Street	Pittsfield
Leab, Marjorie E.	Hancock
LeMoine, Carol—241 River Street	North Adams
Maguire, Miriam M.—13 Church Street	Gloucester
Maroni, James—205 East Quincy Street	North Adams
Mello, Edward C.—P.O. Box 243	Vineyard Haven
Miles, John R.—55 East Street	Adams
Murphy, John A.—42 Hudson Street	North Adams
Murphy, John E.—310 Union Street	North Adams
Murray, Alan—11 Holbrook Street	North Adams
Murray, Susan J.—Middletown Hill Road	Rowe
Nash, Paul J.—32 Westminster Street	Pittsfield
Plona, Stanley—63 Newell Street	Pittsfield
Reynolds, Henry W.—116 East Main Street	Williamstown
Shaw, Jean—1 Kingmont Street	Greenwood
Shaw, Marilyn D.—5 Columbia Terrace	Adams
Shepard, Jean M.—Mountainview Avenue	Williamstown
Sroczyk, Helen—North Road	Chesterfield
Stomski, Richard—107 First Street	Pittsfield
Sweet, Shirley—Oblong Road	Williamstown
Tyler, Manley A., Jr.—29 Wood Avenue	North Adams
Wary, Loretta—16 Essex Street	Pittsfield
Wolfson, Beverly M.—81 East Housatonic Street	Pittsfield
Wright, Marcia A.—211 Shaw Road	Bridgewater
Windrow, Richard—95 Brooklyn Street	North Adams

F R E S H M E N





Freshman Class

Tremendous size . . . studious ones—largest honor list in many years . . . lovely freshman queen from Connecticut—Ann Hosford . . . guided through activities by Leonard Murphy, class president . . . ardent supporters of the College Union . . . entertainment for dorm parties . . . the source of new spirit behind Alter Natus—really pushed card party and raffle . . . Queen of Winter Carnival—Marilyn Gallese . . . quantity at all times . . . hope to be sophomores.

Freshmen

Anderson, Alfred F.—651 East Main Street	North Adams
Angus, Judith Anne—898 Salem Street	Lynnfield
Barcomb, Robert Amos—169 Liberty Street	North Adams
Bassett, Caroline Anne—111 Church Street	Pittsfield
Bergeron, Robert T.—12 Potter Place	North Adams
Bernard, Ann Elaine—41 Linden Road	West Roxbury
Bosco, Jenney Ann Mary—134 Prince Street	Boston
Brazeau, Robert Ernest—27 Hull Avenue	Pittsfield
Brodacki, Frank Walter, Jr.—46 North Summer Street	Adams
Brown, Joan Ingrid—R.F.D. No. 2	North Adams
Calkins, Mary Alicia—44 Dresser Avenue	Great Barrington
Cande, Donald P.—Coakley's Riding School	Lenox
Cicchetti, John P.—376 Columbia Street	Adams
Comparato, Corrine Phyllis—100 Tower Road	Dalton
Crews, Phyllis Elizabeth—21 Hoosac Street	Adams
Doherty, Peter Sears—Richmond Road	Richmond
Dougherty, Alfred F.—44 Cady Street	North Adams
Ellis, Patricia Ann—9 Everett Road	Buzzards Bay
Faille, Barbara Ann Elizabeth—164 North Street	North Adams
Fales, Eleanor Joyce—15 Pleasant Street	Mansfield
Farinon, Marcia Anna—22 Francis Street	North Adams
Femino, Katherine Ann—48 Endicott Street	Salem
Fitzgibbon, Mary Patricia—8 Hammond Street	Worcester
Folino, Paul Emilio—69 Harris Street	North Adams
Fox, John Joseph—23 Brown Street	Pittsfield
Gallese, Marilyn Theresa—312 Eagle Street	North Adams
Garrity, Mary E.—835 Dalton Avenue	Pittsfield
Gaskalka, Barbara Ann—Savoy Road	Windsor
Gay, Carlton L.—892 South Church Street	North Adams
Gaylord, Philip Roger—Care "O" Cleveland Street	Pittsfield
Gleason, Joan Lottie—179 West Park Street	Lee
Grant, Helen Joan—83 Simonds Road	Williamstown
Hannon, Eugene Leo, III—248 Appleton Avenue	Pittsfield
Hawkins, Norman K.	Glendale
Hosford, Ann Carolyn—26 Sunset Terrace	West Hartford
Kernahan, Barbara Ann—Carson Avenue	Dalton
Kirkpatrick, David W.—35 East Quincy Street	North Adams
Mangano, Lorraine R.—67 Cherry Street	Pittsfield
McGowan, Maureen A.—14 Sargent Street	Dorchester
Meade, Thomas B.—20 State Road	North Adams
Murphy, Leonard Joseph—170 Brown Street	Pittsfield
Navin, John—23 Edwin Street	Pittsfield
Niarchos, Elaine Ann—125 California Avenue	Pittsfield
O'Conner, Daniel F.—272 West Main Street	Williamstown
O'Neil, Grace E.—108 Cole Avenue	Williamstown
Patrie, Janet Marie—71 River Street	North Adams
Pell, Gloria Jean—882 Rockdale Avenue	New Bedford
Pomerantz, Philip—139 Robbins Avenue	Pittsfield
Pozzi, Charles—1410 Broad Street	Altavista, Virginia
Prendergast, Paul—34 Bay State Road	Pittsfield
Rice, Virginia Frances—Berlin Road	Williamstown
St. Peter, Francis Edmund—51 Wilson Street	Pittsfield
Sarro, Edward Michael—37 Barry Place	Hyde Park
Serre, Roger Robert—124 Barth Street	North Adams
Shepherd, Robert Lansing—73 Warren Avenue	Dalton
Sherman, Bruce Leslie—Main Road	Savoy
Sitnik, Cecelia Frances—34 Gilmore Avenue	Great Barrington
Starr, Marlene Agnes—60 Marietta Street	North Adams
Sutor, Robert Frederick—Maple Street	Hinsdale
Swain, Robert J., Jr.—153 Highland Street	New Bedford
Tetreault, Clifford E.—181 Elm Street	Greenfield
Tierney, Francis W.—64 Union Street	Randolph
Walker, Marcia Rae—R.F.D. No. 1	Eagle Bridge
Wynne, Louis—124 1/2 Lincoln Street	Pittsfield
Zajac, Caryl Evelyn—82 Lincoln Street	Pittsfield

The New Mental Health Clinic

Something new has been added to our school—a Mental Health Clinic. North Adams and the state have gone into partnership in order to deal efficiently with the emotional problems of the children in this area.

The community had to furnish the building facilities and the secretarial help while the state furnished the professional staff. The state has established twelve such clinics throughout Massachusetts.

The Mental Health Clinic is working closely with the school clinic and plans are being made for an even closer relationship.

Headed by Mr. Virgilio, psychiatric social worker, and Dr. Brown, psychiatrist, the clinic began operations late this fall. Dr. Weinstein, clinical psychologist, third member of the staff, is at the clinic several days a week, too. The Clinic serves the surrounding communities of North Adams, Adams, Williamstown, and the other small towns in the area in Massachusetts and Vermont.

Although the name sounds a bit unpleasant, the Mental Health Clinic is not a place to fear, but a place to go for help.





The Kot

This year, a dream became a reality. The dream was a place to relax and have a cup of coffee without having to go downtown. It became a reality in the Koffee Korner.

The College Union Committee, a group of volunteers from the student body, headed by Frannie LaPlante and Tom Hall as co-chairmen, put their all into the planning and actual work of setting up this dream. A general plea was issued for help, and the student body answered the call by showing up in groups to help with the painting and some of the dirty work. Everyone pitched in and by December 5, the College Union was able to





ffee Korner

hold its Grand Opening.

Once the Koffee Korner was open, the problem before the committee was to raise \$100 to repay Student Council. It was necessary to borrow this money in order to set up the Union. The student body and the faculty again demonstrated their enthusiasm by bringing baked goods to sell. The project is well underway and is proving successful.

The College Union Committee hopes to make the Union even better next year and hopes to do more than meet the cravings of the student body for coffee and doughnuts.



Senior Class



It was in September of 1953 that we first met at State Teachers—a day when we set out determined to fulfill our hopes of becoming teachers. As freshmen absorbed in the business of obtaining knowledge, we hardly noticed the things about us. Our days were full of the woes of completing biology notebooks and history outside reading assignments.

Even with the rush of classes there was time for fun and much laughter. After the hectic period of getting names straight we settled down as a group under the leadership of Charlie Pere-nick and our faculty advisor, Dr. Crowley, and joined in extracurricular clubs and activities. We even conducted some social affairs. The Halloween Dance which we sponsored was our first triumph. The social hall was decked in traditional orange and black, with a chandelier of balloons. We went on to join in the production of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, *The Mikado*, and Stunt Night's comic take-off, *The Mikadoo*. The year also found members of the class represented on the basketball team and the courts of the Winter Carnival Queen and the May Day Queen.



Surviving the struggles of our Freshman year, most of us returned in 1954—no longer the new faces on a campus with which we were by this time familiar. Though smaller in number, our group had not diminished in initiative and quality. The battle this year included a rigorous course in Physical Science and a great deal of time spent establishing the wheat, corn, and raw material centers of the world.

Social events, too, took up much of our time, as we joined the rest of the students in the annual trek up Greylock, and in school picnics and parties. Tom Quadrozzi was our president this year. Under his leadership, our talents were put to work to help make the Drama Club play, *The Velvet Glove*, and the production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Patience* successful, and to show some good competition on Stunt Night with our version of contemporary Hollywood stars. The feature social event sponsored by our class was the Sophomore Prom, which was held at the Masonic Temple.



History



After weathering the storm of a strenuous Sophomore year and showing our worth with the election of many into the Honor Society, we came back as Jolly Juniors, ready to start the last half of our college careers. This year much time was spent in methods classes, and we made our first treks to the "mill on the hill." With all our newly acquired knowledge of Burton and educational methods, we felt secure in taking a stand in arguments started by the Stately Seniors.

Our class continued to devote much of its time to making the college social events successful. Our Junior Prom proved to be one of the most talked-about in many years. With the cooperation of the student body we were able to get a locally famous TV orchestra. Steve Allen's "After Six Seven," to play for us for the evening. The dance was held at the Williams Inn, and was most pleasant for all who attended.



This year we were also the sponsors of the Winter Carnival. After dragging snow from the lawns of the school, and laboriously producing a snow image of "Hickory, Dickory, Dock," when judging time came. Mother Nature had smiled warmly on us—too warmly—and all that was left was an indeterminate blob. However, the weekend as a whole was a jolly one.



Not to be forgotten was our production of *Cinderoola* on Stunt Night, complete with handsome prince Joanie Kunstler and princess Bill Coughlin. The skit provided many laughs and some tough competition for the other classes. (Of course, we thought we should have won!)

Again this year members of the class supported the Drama Club production, *The Ghost Train*, and swelled the membership of the other school organizations.



Back again in the fall of '55 as Seniors, we became the upper-upperclassmen of the school. The blues of training school were tempered with the joys of accomplishment. It wouldn't be long before we set out in the teaching profession.

Socially we still maintained our place among the classes, contributing to social functions and leading many of the college activities. Though we



were busy with practice teaching and unable to sponsor social affairs, they had our support.

Dr. Crowley left us to join the staff of Fitchburg S.T.C. To take his place, we elected Mr. Luddy to be our advisor for the rest of the year.

A brand new idea sprang up in our junior year and blossomed this year, thanks to the hard work and support of all the student body. A dream came true with the opening of the College Union. Many happy hours were spent there by our class members who enjoyed a hot cup of coffee and a round of bridge.

Stunt Night of our senior year was fun and hard work, with our presentation of *Sleeping Beauty*. Hampered by a blown fuse which caused the loss of the use of the spot-light, we still managed to make a good showing.

Time passed quickly, with graduation coming ever closer. That was the day to which we all eagerly looked forward—the day when we would close the covers on another chapter of our lives. That chapter was four years of college in which we became richer in knowledge, understanding, and friendships—a chapter soon to become a very happy memory.



A
C
t
i
v
i
t
y
e
n



Student Council



The Student Council is the guiding hand behind all college activities . . . the executives of this organization include its officers as well as the presidents of each class plus the presidents of all the clubs and the dormitory president . . . this impressive body has two major responsibilities—distributing the Student Association dues and guiding the social life of the college—between the opening days in September and the hectic election days of May, they may be seen flying about the campus executing their various duties.



Officers

President	THOMAS QUADROZZI
Secretary	FRANCES LAPLANTE
Treasurer	MARY RICHARDS
Assistant Treasurer	THOMAS HALL





Dormitory Council

Judge and jury of the Dorm . . . the reminders
of the rules and regulations . . . the flashlight
brigade . . . Christmas and Halloween parties
. . . the annual Dorm Formal.

Officers

<i>President</i>	PATRICIA GAMLIN
<i>Vice President</i>	KATHIE O'LEARY
<i>Secretary</i>	LORETTA WARY
<i>Treasurer</i>	VIOLA HOGAN



Basket

"Wait until next year!" That is the cry heard around our campus. Record-wise the 1955-1956 basketball season was somewhat on the lean side—0-15. However, the score does not tell the whole story.

With the exception of two upperclassmen, this year's team was composed entirely of underclassmen, mainly newcomers to N.A.S.T.C. basketball. The majority of our schedule was played in the fast N.E.T. Conference. Although without winners, we gave our opposing teams stiff competition.

The season was a story of an ever improving ball team—with many heartbreaking games, especially at the end of the season. As in all sports events, there were many bright spots. The constant hard play of our boys and the



Team

Stanley Plona
John Murphy
Ed Pierson, *Captain*
John Navin

Pete Chiachetti, *Manager*
James Moroni
Tom Bernard
Lennie Goldman

Fran Cardillo, *Coach*



Ball

intense support of the student body was the best in years. We shall long remember the bus trip to Albany and the students who travelled long distances to see the boys play out of town. Both players and supporters displayed good sportsmanship.

Captain Ed Pierson, a graduating Senior, will be a great loss to the team next year. Ed has given four years of fine play and leadership to the "Profs."

Everyone is optimistic about our basketball future. We have the nucleus of a fine team, along with the promise of new talent, the hope of an expanding school and sports program, and the dynamic spirit of our student body. With these factors as a foundation, basketball at N.A.S.T.C. is on its way to more successful years.



Cheerleaders

Barbara Scarbeau
Annette Haddad
Pat Gamlin, *Captain*
Loretta Wary
Alice Molloy



Taconic Columns

Vol. X

NORTH ADAMS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, DEC., 1955

No. 2

Student Union Here At Last!

The King of Kings

A vigorous wind was visiting the streets of Bethlehem. Caleb peered through the window of his inn to watch the congested throng of pilgrims treading their way, shading their eyes as best they could from particles of sand, drifting in from Damascus. Caleb's chest grew irritated as a draft of air penetrated the meager framework of the window, sending him into a spell of violent coughing. He watched reproachfully as the draft came scurrying through the inn, causing the room to tremble, and

throw the powers of all heaven and earth, if in so doing I could but increase his comfort."

"The boy sleeps peacefully," Naomi protested, nervously preparing the bread dough, "but I fear that your shouting will awaken him."

A sudden knock aroused Caleb from his sleep. Upon answering, he found a young man standing before him.

"A cup of coffee, please," said the young man, "I am a little tired."

College Union would have its grand opening on December 5.

Many things had to be done before the opening, however, and the committee set to work. The written policies were handed out to the student body and received their approval. The Union Committee had charge of one of the buildings in order to tell the students about the work that was to be done and what they could expect from the Union. A contest was held to name the Union. Entries were received from all over the college. The committee chose the winning entry, "The Koffee Korner—Bob Shepherd. Bob Shepherd won the cups of coffee."

...the M.A.A. ... to reopen ... mittee and ... student ... ing the ... is fur- ... stu- ... the ... to ... a Booth ... the entire ... to be done first. ... is really larger than ... thinks. Stanley Plona, ... Tierney and Pete Cicchetti ... helped paint those terrible brick walls which simply took hours to paint. The fair sex was well represented also with Sylvia Allen, Mimi McGuire, Judy Dracup, Mary Richards, and Joan Kunstler slapping the paint on as well as the men. Working together seemed to bring the committee closer and major problems were turned into minor ones and soon overcome.

"You are cold and weary," Naomi interrupted, "A little rest would correct the distortions of your judgment and soften your harshness."

Pushing his hair back from his ear, Caleb responded, "Can I be but harsh when the hand of authority has reduced my lot to such poverty that I must keep a shabby inn and refuse my son the care he needs to strengthen his crippled limbs? I would that I could over-

... that night Caleb suddenly started from his sleep. He noticed that the severe winds had ceased their blowing, and that a strange calm prevailed. Returning to sleep, he was again aroused when he thought he could hear echoes of a choir singing gloriously from the

Continued on Page 3, Col. 1

... On decorations and floor planning were Jack Doyle, Tom Bernard, Kathy Desnoyers, Tom Hall, Marilyn Gallese, Brian Lobdell, Betty Neil and Don Rock. On the coffee set-up were Frannie LaPlante, Paul Prendergast, Henry Reynolds, Bob Swain, Lenzie Murphy, and Nancy Alsing. The written policies subcommittee was composed of Paul Nash, Marlene Forbes, Tom Quadrozzi, Corinne Comparato, Janet Wheeler, Maureen McGowen, and Kathie O'Leary. Work went along smoothly and finally a D-day was set: the

On Sunday, December 4, the Committee put the finishing touches on the Union and then held a little celebration to congratulate themselves on the fine work which they had done. The entire room was completely transformed into something very warm and cheerful.

Finally D-day arrived. Many members of the student body and faculty were on hand to see Dr.

Continued on Page 4, Col. 2





In Lieu of an Ivy Oration

Everyone wants to be proud of his profession. One of the major questions in the minds of young teachers entering their chosen profession is whether they will be proud to claim themselves as teachers.

Teaching methods and school curricula have been severely criticized since the time of Plato. For over two thousand years education has been altered to meet the needs of the contemporary society, and there has always been a "new look" in teaching fashions. However, never before in this vast time span has education in any corner of the world been looked at under a more powerful microscope than it has in 1955. There is every indication that the scientific examination of education in America in 1956 will be just as searching.

We need not be afraid. We need not fear for our children's education; we need not fear the future.

The job of every American is to continue to criticize, to investigate, to pry, to examine—with every available means and material for doing so—the present educational system.

Why shouldn't we, the teachers, be proud to belong to an institution as ageless and vital as education, an institution which every American considers well worth the time, money, and effort spent to criticize it? No institution in a dynamic society can expect to remain static over a number of years.

We *are* proud of our profession. Our scientists, engineers, doctors, businessmen, lawyers, statesmen—all, all are worthy of the acclaim their endeavor has reaped. Is there not a teacher somewhere for each of these men and women whose breast swells with pride as he or she remembers seeing not the Eisenhower nor the Einstein, not the Salk, the Hayes, nor the Hemingway, but the child who sat in the third seat, last row of his first, seventh, or twelfth grade class?

There has always been great men and women—and ordinary people just like you and me—and great educators who dedicated their lives to the children who passed through their classroom doors year after year. Surely this pattern has not changed and will not change.

We, the teachers, are grateful for the criticism that our cherished institution has undergone, indeed should undergo, that we may be justifiably proud of our chosen profession—teaching.

Joan Kunstler



Honor Society

The Frank Fuller Murdock Honor Society—under the guidance of Mr. Luddy—members are chosen for scholarship, leadership, and character . . . Monday night discussion groups on a variety of interesting and timely topics . . . candidates are feted and pinned at the annual banquet—headed this year by Thomas Quadrozzi.

Officers

President THOMAS QUADROZZI
 Vice President FRANCES LA PLANTE
 Secretary-Treasurer MARY RICHARDS





The Newman Club

An intellectual, spiritual, and social club for Catholic students . . . always looking for new members—bi-weekly meetings with lectures by the clergy . . . sponsor of the St. Patrick's Day celebration . . . gifts for Brightside . . . annual Cardinal Newman Day observance . . . spring Communion Breakfast . . . under the spiritual guidance of Father Cornelius Donahue and faculty direction of Mr. E. K. Luddy.

Officers

<i>President</i>	KATHIE O'LEARY
<i>Vice President</i>	PAT GAMLIN
<i>Secretary</i>	SYLVIA ALLEN
<i>Treasurer</i>	CAROL MURPHY



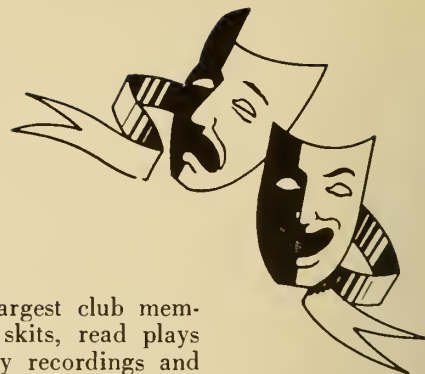
The Christian Association

The Christian Association, one of the two religious groups at N.A.S.T.C. . . . devoted to the study of religion, especially of the Protestant denominations . . . meetings with film showings, talks by clergymen, discussions led by members of the club . . . joint caroling with the Newman Club . . . teams sent to various young people's groups to speak and to lead discussions on religious and secular topics . . . guided by Reverend Robert J. L. Williams . . . faculty advisor Miss Mary Underhill.

Officers

<i>President</i>	WALTER GEHRING
<i>Vice President</i>	GEORGE MILLER
<i>Secretary</i>	MARJORIE LEAB
<i>Treasurer</i>	NANCY ALSING

The Drama Club



The Drama Club boasts the largest club membership . . . members perform skits, read plays and review movies, listen to play recordings and discuss current trends in the theater . . . annual production for 1956 is *Bell, Book and Candle* by John Van Druten, under the direction of Dr. Dayton Dennett.

Cast

PATRICIA GAMLIN
LEONARD GOLDMAN
MARY RICHARDS
ARNOLD BARTINI
ROBERT MEACHAM

Officers

<i>President</i>	PAUL NASH
<i>Vice President</i>	ALICE MALLOY
<i>Treasurer</i>	LARRY CYR
<i>Secretary</i>	ANNETTE HADDAD





The Glee Club

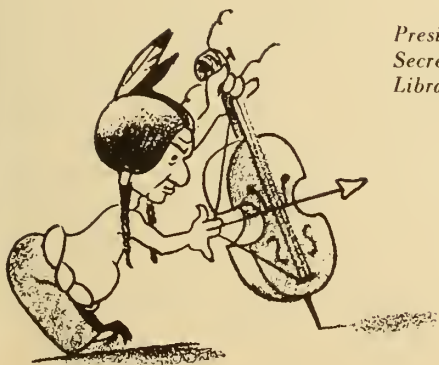
The Glee Club was re-established this year with an excellent turn-out, after a year of absence—established to give students the opportunity to sing for pleasure . . . no requirements to meet—just come and sing.

First program of the year in December . . . a Christmas assembly with selections from religious and secular music . . . later a recital with selections from *The Student Prince*.

All thanks to Miss Boyden, advisor and director, for the many hours she donated to make the Glee Club a success.

Officers

President	HENRY REYNOLDS
Secretary-Treasurer	PAULA PILKINGTON
Librarian	CLIFFORD TETREAULT





The Current Events Club

The Current Events Club . . . designed to develop and maintain an interest in local, national, and international affairs . . . club meetings . . . held twice each month . . . center around discussions of political, social, and economic happenings throughout the world. Other activities . . . sponsoring guest speakers . . . a social following basketball . . . the presentation of an assembly program for the student body.

Officers

<i>President</i>	VIOLA HOGAN
<i>Vice President</i>	WALTER GEHRING
<i>Secretary</i>	JEAN SHEPARD
<i>Treasurer</i>	CAROL LEMOINE
<i>Faculty Advisor</i>	MR. PIERCE



The Science Club

Wednesday night star gazers . . . a club interested in gaining a better understanding of science. Discoverers of craters on the moon . . . the science magazine searchers . . . the human spinning tops. Advised by Dr. John Semon. As well as these serious endeavors . . . the sponsors of "Gilda" and popcorn.

Officers

<i>President</i>	VIOLA MAE WHITMAN
<i>Vice President</i>	JANET WHEELER
<i>Secretary</i>	DELIGHT SMITH
<i>Treasurer</i>	THOMAS HALL



W.A.A. and M.A.A.



Our two athletic associations are the only ones which together include the entire student body . . . these two active groups sponsor intramural sports, principally basketball, volleyball, badminton and softball . . . each group adds to the college social life by each planning a social activity after one of the basketball games . . . W.A.A. is famous for Mountain Day and overnight camping trips for the gals . . . this year they also guided an all-college Winter Sports Day, commemorating Washington's Birthday—a grand success . . . the two clubs are advised by Miss Nila Haresign and Dr. John Semon, respectively.



Officers

W.A.A.

President	SYLVIA ALLEN
Secretary-Treasurer	MIMI MAGUIRE
Head of Sports	JUDY DRACUP

M.A.A.

President	BOB MORELLI
Vice President	BOB MEACHAM
Secretary-Treasurer	KEN STARSIAK



The Commuters' Club

The W.C.C. is a pleasant means of uniting all commuter girls—Seniors and Freshmen alike . . . famous for sharing delicious home-packed lunches . . . avid card players in the Koffee Korner, their new home . . . co-sponsors of the Winter Sports Day outing . . . under the leadership of Marge Morin and Fran Cariddi.



A U t O G R A P H S



Yearbook Staff

<i>Editor-in-Chief</i>	Joan Kunstler
<i>Assistant Editor</i>	Dorothy Rowe
<i>Photography</i>	Arnold Bartini
<i>Literary Chairman</i>	Francis La Plante
<i>Assistant</i>	Ruth Keyes
<i>Candid's Chairman</i>	Patricia Gamlin
<i>Assistant</i>	Thomas Quadrozzi
<i>Business Chairman</i>	Joyce Lataif
<i>Assistant</i>	Wilfred Saulnier
<i>Circulation Chairman</i>	Edward Pierson
<i>Assistant</i>	Allan Booth
<i>Typists</i>	Carol Cimonetti, Joanne DeMadonna
<i>Faculty Advisor</i>	Mary Underhill

